

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) Gas-insulated switchgear assembly (4) or component of a gas-insulated switchgear assembly, having an outdoor bushing (6) through which at least one high voltage-carrying conductor (7) can be passed, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a surge arrester (8) is arranged essentially parallel to the outdoor bushing (6) and is connected to the high voltage-carrying conductor (7) and/or to the top part of the outdoor bushing (6) via a high voltage-side connection piece (9) and to the foot part of the outdoor bushing (6) and/or to the housing of the gas-insulated switchgear assembly or the component of the gas-insulated switchgear assembly via a housing-side connection piece (10).
2. (Currently Amended) Gas-insulated switchgear assembly according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, in the case of a gas-insulated switchgear assembly (4) having a wall bushing (4) and an adjoining outdoor bushing (6), the surge arrester (8) is alternatively connected to the foot (5) of the wall bushing (4) via the housing-side connection piece (10).
3. (Currently Amended) Gas-insulated switchgear assembly according to Claim 1 ~~and/or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the high voltage-side connection piece (9) and/or the housing-side connection piece (10) are made of an

electrically highly conductive metal, with the result that they are at the same time electrical and mechanical connecting elements.

4. (Currently Amended) Gas-insulated switchgear assembly according to Claim 1 ~~and/or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the high voltage-side connection piece (9) and/or housing-side connection piece (10) are made of an electrically poorly conductive or nonconductive material, with the result that they are only mechanical connecting elements, and in that the electrical connections between the conductor (7) and the surge arrester (8) and between the earth potential of the foot (5) of the wall bushing (4) or the housing of the gas-insulated switchgear assembly or the component of the gas-insulated switchgear assembly and the surge arrester (8) take place using separate connecting conductors (11, ~~12~~) which are formed from an electrically highly conductive material.

5. (Currently Amended) Gas-insulated switchgear assembly according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separate connecting conductors (11, ~~12~~) are designed to be rigid.

6. (Currently Amended) Gas-insulated switchgear assembly according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separate connecting conductors (11, ~~12~~) are designed to be flexible.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of~~ In combination, an arrangement according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1 in and a dead tank breaker.